



West Hills Art League

NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the WHAL Monthly Newsletter

Welcome to the first issue of the WHAL Newsletter. Our goal is to keep our membership informed and involved.

Since we want the newsletter to be as relevant as possible, we look forward to hearing your comments on the first issue. You can participate by writing an article or sharing your project.

What would you like to see in your newsletter? Please email us with your thoughts and ideas at kirbycreativeservices@yahoo.com

February 20th Meeting Guest Feature: Chris Fondi

Mixed Media Artist Chris Fondi will present an altered book/journal mini workshop at our February meeting.

Attendees may participate in an art zine project that utilizes some of the techniques Chris will be showing. Mark making and collage building will be the main techniques participants can experiment with. The final product will include some basic folding and a little cutting to provide a small 4 page art zine.

So, dig into those secret pockets and bring along your personal stash of little pieces of paper you saved, like movie theater tickets or those fortunes from fortune cookies. You know, those personal little memories to make the zine your own. Come play!!

<http://chrisfondi.blogspot.com>



FEB 2020

NEXT MEETING DATE:

February 20, 2020, 7pm-9pm

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:

West Hills Art League membership year begins September 1st and extends through August 31st.

Membership is open to all art enthusiasts who share our mission.

West Hills Art League is a volunteer organization. Members volunteer their time and skills for the better of the organization.

Cost for new and returning members is \$25 single and \$35.00 family (2 adults residing at the same address).

Some membership benefits include:

- Guest speakers
- Eligibility for entry into the WHAL annual art show and other league-sponsored events
- Seasonal activities
- Opportunity to meet & share with other artists

Meetings are held during the months of September through May, on the 3rd Thursday of the month from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. A guest demonstrator/speaker is invited to present at each meeting. Demonstrations encompass a variety of media and style, as well as informative speaker presentations on the business side of being an artist.

For more information, visit www.westhillsartleague.com

MARCH MEETING DATE:

March 19, 2020

February Artist Spotlight

Debra Zuzindlak Tobin

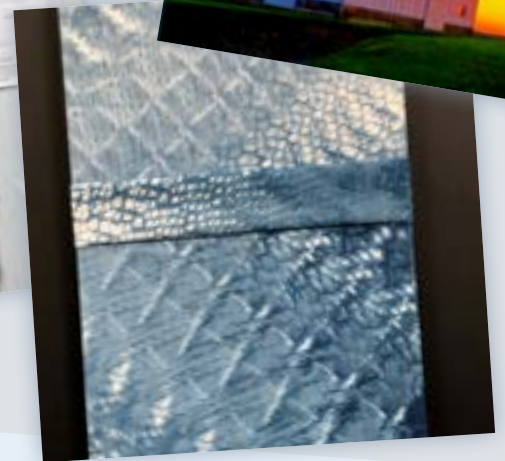
Debra Zuzindlak Tobin is the Manager of Media, Events & Website for the Robotics Institute at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh and she and her husband James are co-owners of Tobin Studios in Ambridge, Pennsylvania.

Debra's art includes photography, drawing and painting, fiber art, jewelry and sculpture. Vibrant color and dramatic shadows and light are a favorite focus. She has been exhibiting her artwork throughout the tri-state-area since her first solo show in 1998.

Her artwork can also be found at;
Bottlebrush - A Gallery for the Arts, 539 Main Street, Harmony, PA 16037.

Tobin Studios, est. in 2003, provides individual and group art lessons and private guitar lessons for children and adults of all ages and experience levels. Tobin Studios also provides commissioned art and photography services. Debra also teaches classes at Bottlebrush Gallery and the North Hills Art Center.

Debra received her degree from the Art Institute of Pittsburgh and has since continued her education at The Manchester Craftsman's Guild, Sweetwater Center for the Arts, and the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts.



Professional Affiliations include:

West Hills Art League, President
Beaver Valley Artists, Vice President
Cranberry Art Network, Board Member at Large
North Hills Art Center, Member
Fiberarts Guild of Pittsburgh, Member
Three Rivers Fiber Focus, Member
Website: debratobinart.com

Upcoming Member Classes

Leah Shuck: Second Saturday Maker Meetup at Gilberti Fine Art.

Artists are invited to join Leah Shuck every month for the Second Saturday Maker Meetup. Bring your own supplies and whatever project you have to work on that is portable and come work together. It is just meant to be a creative community for people to work together. Feel free to bring materials to share as well. February meetup will be 1-3pm at Gilberti Fine Art Studio and Gallery 1039 Fifth Avenue in Coraopolis PA.

53rd Edition of Art of the State

Presented by The State Museum of Pennsylvania in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation. Prizes awarded. Entry fee \$30 for up to 3 pieces. Add'l entries require \$10 each, plus \$30 entry fee. Submission deadline Feb 28, 2020 Pennsylvania ART of the State 2020
<https://ethosting.s3.amazonaws.com/artofthestatepa/index.html>



The Merrick Masters 2020 Biennial Juried Show

We invite you to hang your masterpiece with ours! May 31, 2020 through July 17, 2020. The Merrick Art Gallery, 1100 5th Avenue, New Brighton, PA 15066. \$3000 in prizes! Prospectus Deadline: Email Submissions: MerrickMastersArtShow@gmail.com before Sunday March 1, 2020. https://northhillsartcenter.org/resources/Documents/Shows/Merrick_Prospectus%202020%20PDF.pdf

Erie Art Museum Nicole & Harry Martin Spring Show

In its 96th year, the Nicole & Harry Martin Spring Show at the Erie Art Museum is open to artists who live or work within 250 miles of the city of Erie, the jury process takes place in-person, in the Museum's galleries. The Erie Art Museum is pleased to partner once again with the Art Department of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania to bring exhibition juror, Arthur Ganson to Erie. Prospectus - Online Entry Form Submission deadline March 1, 2020.
<https://erieartmuseum.org/prospectus2020/>

Art for Animals

The North Hills Art Center Art for Animals Art Show is a juried animal themed show open to both professional & amateur artists, ages teen-adult. All 2D and 3D art media may be entered as long as the artwork has an animal/animals as the primary subject. The artist may enter up to three pieces at \$10 per piece/donation entry. Attach one of the tags below to each entry. Only recent work that has not been in a previous show at the North Hills Art Center may be submitted. Artists will be notified at drop off of any unaccepted entries. Each piece must be ready for display or hang-ing with picture wire. Work with gallery clips or saw tooth clips will not be accepted. No piece of artwork shall be substituted or removed until the last day of the show. Deadline for drop off: March 2 -March 6, 10:00am -3:00pm and March 3, 7:00pm -9:00pm
https://northhillsartcenter.org/resources/Documents/Shows/Art%20for%20Animals_call_2020.pdf

Westmoreland Art Nationals Juried Fine Art and Photography Exhibition

Two locations May 18 - June 5 Westmoreland County Community College and July 4 - Sunday, July 7 onsite at the Westmoreland Arts & Heritage. Festival. Deadline March 3, 2020. Westmoreland Art Nationals – Arts and Heritage
<https://artsandheritage.com/the-arts/art-nationals/>

Art Association of Harrisburg 92nd Annual International Juried Exhibition

May 15th – June 18th, 2020 Now accepting submissions through April 2, 2020 from AAH members and non-members. All media welcome! Juror: Joel Daniel Phillips. <https://www.artassocofhbg.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/92nd-Annual-International-Juried-Exhibition.pdf>

Moon Garden Club/West Hills Art League Summer Event

The Moon Garden Club has invited the West Hills Art league members to join them for a new event they are planning for this summer. This event will take the place of their annual garden tour and will be held in the Herb Garden at Robin Hill. They are still in the initial planning stage but the evening will include Wine Tasting, "Farm to Table" appetizers made by Garden Club members and music provided by James Tobin. Artists are welcome to paint plein-air and also sell or display their art. There will be no fee or commission charged to the artists but admission will be charged to the public to attend. Please contact Debra Tobin at debratobin@gmail.com if you are interested in participating. Tentative event date of Thursday, July 16th at 7-9pm.

The Butler Institute of American Art's 84th National Midyear Show

July 26th – August 30th, 2020, MacIntosh, Finnegan Hynes, & Davis Galleries. Artist Reception and Awards Presentation: July 26th 1-3pm This annual juried show exhibits the artworks of adult artists from throughout the fifty United States and its territories. The exhibition includes accepted works in all two dimensional media, including oil, watercolor, acrylic, pastel, drawings, prints, photographs and digital. For the 2019 exhibition, there were 652 works of art submitted by 260 artists and 78 works of art by 64 artists. The artists spanned 14 states across the United States. The jurors for this year's exhibition is contemporary New York artist Paul Ching-Bor. 84th Midyear Entry Form. Deadline: Saturday, June 13, 2020 • Receipt of all Entries and Fees. 84th National Midyear show – The Butler Institute of American Art
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<https://butlerart.com/art/84th-national-mid-year-show/>

Exhibitions

The Carnegie Museum of Art Exhibition, A Delight for the Senses: The Still Life is a celebration of this humble genre, exploring nearly 250 years of the tradition from the 17th century to America's Gilded Age. These sumptuous arrays of objects ranging from the mundane to the luxurious reveal moral undertones and allusions to the transience of life. This exhibition features loans from the Detroit Institute of Arts and several local collectors, along with recent bequests from the late Drue Heinz, including the only Flemish 17th century still life in the museum's collection, on view for the first time. There is also a free "Art Chat" led daily by docents during the exhibition, 12:15 PM – 12:45 PM, meeting in the Museum of Art Lobby. 4400 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. November 2, 2019 – March 15, 2020. <https://cmoa.org/exhibition/delight-still-life>.

Two Exhibits at the Butler Institute of American Art: Pastel Society Of America 47th Annual Exhibition
Since 1972, the PSA Annual Exhibition: Enduring Brilliance!, held at the National Arts club in New York City, has been the premier event for pastel artists worldwide. Each year, The Butler shows selected works from the annual PSA show in the museum's Giffuni Pastel Gallery. December 22, 2019 – February 23, 2020 The Butler Institute of American Art, 525 Wick Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio 44502. <https://butlerart.com/art/pastel-society-of-america>

Member and Local Art News

Debra Tobin and James Tobin will have artwork on display during the North Hills Art Center A Touch of Blue Show. The Opening Reception and Awards Ceremony is Saturday, February 8, 2020 - 7:00pm-9:00pm. Show dates: Feb.8 to Feb 28. James also has a 17 piece show at Clearview Federal Credit Union Sewickley. It will be on display thru March 1st. All pieces are 16"x20" digital art on metal and are priced at \$150.

The Cranberry Artists Network Spring Show 20/20 Vision will be on display at the Cranberry Township Municipal Building from February 20 - March 26, 2020. Opening Reception Thursday, Feb. 27, 2020 6-8 p.m.
Home | [cranberryartists](http://cranberryartists.com) <https://www.cranberryartistsnetwork.com/>

North Hills Art Center -Renegade Mixed Media Enthusiasts:

Every Wednesday 10am-1pm. Bring in supplies to share. \$5 drop in fee. Looking to build the group - put in requests with the instructor: Chris Fondi. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1030688530606736/>

In A New Light: American Impressionism 1870-1940 Explores Impressionism's French roots and its reinterpretation of American landscape painting. The works by a diverse group of more than 75 artists trace not only the development of Impressionism in the United States but also the emergence of a truly American style of painting. January 18 – April 12, 2020. The Butler Institute of American Art, 525 Wick Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio 44502.
<https://butlerart.com/art/in-a-new-light-american-impressionism-1870-1940/>

At the Phipps Conservatory, enjoy some sketching or photography and get away from winter at the Orchid and Tropical Bonsai Show: Out of This World. At this all-new show, guests will enjoy hundreds of star-shaped and otherworldly orchids, plus a "cosmic collection" of tropical bonsai. January 18 – March 8. Hours are 9:30 AM – 5 PM daily and until 10 PM on Fridays.
<https://www.phipps.conservatory.org/calendar/detail/orchid-and-tropical-bonsai-show>

Cleveland Museum of Art "Picasso and Paper" Show - May 24-Aug 23, 2020. The West Hills Art League is organizing a bus trip to see the show. The tentative date is Saturday, June 6, 2020. Please contact Debbie Tobin, debratobin@gmail.com, for more information. Picasso and Paper <https://www.clevelandart.org/exhibitions/picasso-and-paper>

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